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1. Prior to May-June 1951, military personnel of the Polish Armed Forces were and could be purged or liquidated for almost anything which could be interpreted as being directed against the Polish Regime or Polish-Soviet friendship. An intelligence officer in Katowice, 1st Lt John Skupin, [REDACTED] in May or June 1951, a secret regulation affecting the purging of Polish officers was made part of official military policy. This regulation stated in effect that the Polish Government would no longer purge or liquidate Polish officers as it had been doing, because there was a need for officers in the Polish Armed Forces which were on a combat readiness basis. (What represented the degree of combat readiness was unknown to [REDACTED])
2. Cases of arrest and purge [REDACTED] heard and read were the following: in May or June 1951, 1st Lt Kosakowski (Fnu), assigned to the 9th KBW Regt at Olsztyn, was arrested for being too outspoken in his pronouncements against the Polish Regime and the Soviets. He received a three-year prison sentence. Because of newspaper and military bulletin publicity given the trials of Generals Tatar, Mossor, Spychalski and others, all military personnel knew of the allegedly attempted treason. [REDACTED] officers. In January 1952, four or five Polish KBW officers were arrested in Krakow because they refused to take action against local partisans. [REDACTED]

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